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I went to Yankee Robinson's circus last week along with all the others. I was looking at the animals before going into the big tent when I heard a couple of fleas on one of the monkeys in conversation. "Come on," said the first flea, as he hopped from the big monkey's left foreleg; "come over and join me in a short game of golf."

"Golf," exclaimed the second flea hastily taking a bite of hyena, "where in the realm of Yankee Robinson are we going to play golf?"

"Why," said the first flea, "over on the lynx, of course."

I guess that one upholds my reputation as well as my name. What sayest thou?

But talking about reputation. I know a couple who won't have any more reputation than September Morn has clothes if they don't quit getting so public with their froles. I had been tipped off to the goings on by a man who was tipped off by another man who was tipped off by someone else. So along with the rest of the sight-seeing multitude I went. I saw. My advise would be to either turn out the light or pull the curtain down.

It's getting warmer, don't you think so?

I've got another one in my system. I don't pretend to be a Billy Sunday, a preacher, a saloon keeper, or a love-sick girl, but if the persons read this for whom it is intended and will get wise to themselves I have a hunch some unnecessary trouble may be avoided. The man is no school boy by any means and is wise to the way of the world—at least he says he is. The girl is not so old by ten years or more. Probably the parents know nothing of the affair. I hope they don't, yet they ought to. Something might happen some of these days and the explosion would be awful. You can take this for what it's worth. Of course the girl is no relation to you. It's always that way.

I'm all done but finishing now for this week. I've got just one more little nut to crack and then I'll leave you to your thoughts for another week. It's about the incident that happened in connection with a man, a woman and an automobile. They went out riding. They could both drive a car. They had been gone a couple of hours out into the country somewhere. Then she came to town alone, driving the car. She told them Mr. _____ would be along in due season as he was walking in. You can draw your own conclusions.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR AUGUST 19

FINDING THE BOOK OF THE LAW.

LESSON TEXT—II Chronicles 34:14-33. GOLDEN TEXT—I will not forget thy word.—Psa. 119:116.

1. The Book of the Law Found (vv. 14-17). J. The occasion (v. 14). It was found while the work of repairing the temple was going on. At what part in the temple we do not know; perhaps in the treasure house, for it was found while bringing out the money to pay for the repairs. Perhaps this was in or near the ark, for the law was usually kept in or by the ark.

2. By whom (v. 14). Hilkiah, the high priest, was the finder. It is strange that the high priest was ignorant of the place where the law was found. It is a sad comment upon the moral and spiritual condition of priests and kings, since they were appointed guardians of God's law. It is, however, always true that when one does not want to have his life ordered by the Bible he will put it out of his sight. The disappearance of the Bible from our homes, and the neglect of it in our study, is a certain sign of evil in our lives. Be assured, however, that though the law of the Lord be removed from our sight it shall sooner or later come before us to judge us. God has declared that his Word shall not return unto him void, but shall accomplish that whereunto it hath been sent.

3. Its disposition (v. 16). Hilkiah gave the law to Shaphan the scribe, who delivered it to the king along with his report as to the disposition of the money which had been collected.

II. The Book of the Law Read (vv. 18, 29, 30). 1. To the king (v. 18). This was a most impressive scene, the king listening to the reading of the law of God. It was the proper thing to do, for those appointed by God to rule over the people should be anxious to know the will of God concerning them. The pious king, believing in it as God's Word, was anxious to know God's thought concerning the nation. His interest became intense, as he was made conscious of the apostasy of his people from God's law. His chief anxiety was to know what was God's purpose as to the nation in view of their idolatry. It is a sensible thing to make oneself intelligent as to his responsibilities, even to know what judgments shall befall those who have turned from God. One should know the worst while there is time yet to escape his wrath, for repentance is the only door of escape from perdition.

2. To the people (vv. 29, 30). At the direction of the king the priests, elders and all the people were called together to hear God's Word read. This was as it ever should be. People have a right to hear what God has to say to them

as well as the king, to keep the people ignorant of the Word of the Lord is a great crime. The crying need of the age, with all its boasted knowledge, fine church equipment and cultured ministry, is for the Word of God to be brought to the ears of the people.

III. The Effect of the Reading of the Law. (vv. 20-28; 31-33). When God's Word is intelligently read and understood there is bound to be an impression made.

1. The king rent his clothes (v. 19). The man who will honestly listen to the reading of God's Word will be brought to his knees, for he will be convicted of sin, and will take the place of self-abasement before the Lord. The king first saw his own sins and confessed them. It is a good sign when one sees his own shortcomings and failures, and not primarily those of others.

2. The king made inquiry of the Lord through Huldah the prophetess (vv. 22, 28). His supreme motive in this inquiry was to find out whether there was some way to avert the awful judgments which were impending, as set forth in the Word of God. After all the human heart instinctively turns from threatened woe to inquire whether there is not a way of escape. Alongside of the flaming, thundering Sinai was placed the Levitical system of offerings. Law and grace are not far removed. The law becomes our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ. Through Huldah the message came that God had taken account of all their sins and that judgment must fall, but Josiah would be spared the sight of all God's visitation of wrath. The penitence of the king turned aside God's wrath from himself, but the nation would be obliged to suffer for its awful apostasy.

3. The king made a covenant (vv. 24, 32). This was to the effect that he would walk in the commandments of the Lord. He also made the people stand to this covenant. He no doubt acted from the sincerity of his heart.

4. Further reforms (v. 33). Josiah now reached out as far as the national boundaries, took away their abominations and made Israel to serve the Lord their God. The fact that the book of the law was found implies that it had been lost. The way it had been lost is not definitely set forth, but numerous ways may be suggested. The Bible is a lost book to many professing Christians today, maybe through lack of interest in it, willful neglect or neglect through the stress of life's business and pleasures. May we not each one inquire as to whether our Bibles are lost?

Fourteenth Century Life. In the fourteenth century people lived in mud huts, with a rough door and no chimney. It was not till a century later that the erection of a chimney was considered more than an indulgence in luxury, a fire commonly being built against the mud plastered wall of the hut and the smoke escaping through the roof. All furniture was of wood. Most persons slept on straw pallets, with a log of wood for a pillow. Even the nobility had no glass in the windows during this time. Cleanliness was not a characteristic of the people, and Thomas a Becket was considered more than necessarily nice because he had the floor of his house strewn with fresh straw each day.

To the minds of most people education and pleasure are mutually exclusive ideas.—Herbert Spencer.

The Gossip Say-

"IF THE SHOE FITS YOU— THEN WEAR IT"

—By— ADAM LIAR

A friend of mine was in a while ago and suggested that we go "have something." I went, of course.

"What'll yer have?" is sure getting to be some question these days. Let's shake for it, the loser has to drink BOTH cokes.

Yesterday I spied a Jamaica ginger carton on the street. Guess some poor cuss must have torn it off the bottle before he devoured the contents. He probably then went off somewhere and went to sleep. May-

be he dreamed he was somewhere and was flush. He probably told the barkeep to "make TWO Jamaica ginger cocktails, an' no olive in mine." That was in his sleep, of course.

Barkeeper, have that man put out he said. "He's talking about the good old days so that I'm weepin' in my grapejuice rickey."

While we're at it I'll say don't ask me to take another drink now, boys. Positively. I'm so full of root beer the foam's ticklin' my ears.

"Can't you put a dash of gasoline in it, or something, just to give it taste?"

"It sure has got the looks, 'aint it?" It's not so bad at that, is it?"

And then last night I was invited out to dinner and the host said, "Come on, let's have a vinegar cordial, just to top off the dinner with."

"That," said a local physician, as he examined the lump on the neck of one of the railroad boys, "is the remains of an old boil that started to come and then became encysted there."

"Well," said the patient, "it bas sure encysted in staying there."

We were talking about a certain well-known Alliance Spanish athlete when my friend passed this one, "Why, he's so successful with the bull that he would call any other way of doing things hard work."

Just this morning I was talking with one of those guys that are always trying to pull some quotation to express what they can't say in their own English. Well, this fellow said, "Still water runs deep." That didn't express it at all, at all, for ya know still water doesn't run at all, at all.

I wonder if this line-o-dope isn't pretty tame this week so far. Maybe you are expecting something hotter. If you want something hotter than some of this weather we've been having, I can tell you where to go. No, it's not where you think—it's just on farther in this column.

I was talking to one of the merchants this week about advertising. He didn't feel like it. I suggested that in view of the wide skirts and the regular breeze that a hosiery ad would be in order. He said, "I don't need to advertise, my customers always advertise my goods." Then I had to tell him it didn't always rain here.

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To look one's best and feel one's best is to enjoy an inside bath each morning to flush from the system the previous day's waste, sour fermentations and poisonous toxins before it is absorbed into the blood. Just as coal, when it burns, leaves behind a certain amount of indigestible material in the form of ashes, so the food and drink taken each day leave in the alimentary organs a certain amount of indigestible material, which if not eliminated, form toxins and poisons which are then sucked into the blood through the very ducts which are intended to suck in only nourishment to sustain the body.

If you want to see the glow of healthy bloom in your cheeks, to see your skin get clearer and clearer, you are told to drink every morning upon arising, a glass of hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it, which is a harmless means of washing the waste material and toxins from the stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels, thus cleansing, sweetening and purifying the entire alimentary tract, before putting more food into the stomach.

Girls and women with sallow skins, liver spots, pimples or pallid complexion, also those who wake up with a coated tongue, bad taste, nasty breath, or others who are bothered with headaches, bilious spells, acid stomach or constipation should begin this phosphated hot water drinking and are assured of very pronounced results in one or two weeks.

A quarter pound of limestone phosphate costs very little at the drug store but is sufficient to demonstrate that just as soap and hot water cleanse, purify and freshen the skin on the outside, so hot water and limestone phosphate act on the inside organs. We must always consider that internal sanitation is vastly more important than outside cleanliness, because the skin pores do not absorb impurities into the blood, while the bowel pores do.

Women who desire to enhance the beauty of their complexion should just try this for a week and notice results.

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